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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Approximately 4,890,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during September at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 4,135,000 pounds of arrivals in September 1939. Receipts for the first nine months of 1940 amounted to 41,690,000 pounds--a 26 percent increase over the same period in 1939 when the receipts totaled 33,156,000 pounds.

During September, 80 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water--from 27 States, Alaska, and 7 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,184,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,818,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 885,000 pounds were shellfish--including frog legs and turtle meat.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,250,000 pounds of the total September receipts; 1,637,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were largest from British Columbia which sent in 943,000 pounds, mostly halibut. Of this total, 688,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Most abundant fresh-water species received at the Chicago Market during September were lake trout (538,000 pounds); yellow perch (309,000 pounds); whitefish (228,000 pounds); and sauger (159,000 pounds).

Predominant salt-water items were halibut, fresh and frozen, (800,000 pounds), and frozen rosefish fillets (422,000 pounds).

Shellfish varieties sent to this market included 587,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 150,000 pounds of shell and shucked oysters; 42,000 pounds of spiny lobster tails, and 35,000 pounds of lobsters.

Massachusetts (703,000 pounds), Michigan (609,000 pounds), Louisiana (462,000 pounds), and Wisconsin (426,000 pounds) were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products.

A total of 1,197,000 pounds came into Chicago by freight; 1,961,000 pounds by express; and the remainder, 1,730,000 pounds, by truck.

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